

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

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A RESOLUTION to designate February 2015 as “Apartment Careers Month” in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the month of February 2015 has been designated “National Apartment Careers Month” by the National Apartment Association Education Institute and the Tennessee Apartment Association; and

WHEREAS, rental housing serves the needs of approximately thirty-five percent of American households; and

WHEREAS, there are over 310,000 apartment homes in Tennessee that serve over 520,000 apartment residents; and

WHEREAS, the apartment industry supports 122,000 jobs in Tennessee and contributes almost \$13 billion to the State’s economy; and

WHEREAS, rental housing units are maintained by a dedicated team of skilled maintenance professionals; and

WHEREAS, community managers and leasing consultants are responsible for helping prospective residents find the right home that fits their budget and lifestyle, providing good customer service, managing risk, and marketing the community to maintain a financially sound real estate asset; and

WHEREAS, to meet the challenges of a growing rental housing industry, new skilled workers are needed to replace retiring workers and to staff newly built apartment communities; and

WHEREAS, through strategic partnerships with career academies, technical high schools, technical and community colleges, universities, workforce investment boards, and veterans organizations, the National Apartment Association Education Institute and the

Tennessee Apartment Association strive to ensure that people receive the necessary training to find new, portable, and rewarding careers in apartment management so that residents of Tennessee can enjoy living in their apartment homes and communities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate February 2015 as "Apartment Careers Month" to create awareness about careers in the apartment industry and emphasize the importance of the industry in this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.